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School Board OKs bond for Nov. 5 ballot

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A question will be put on the Nov. 5 ballot asking voters in the Van Buren Public School district to approve a bond not to exceed \$35,490,000 to build a new early childhood center, including remodeling of existing school buildings and other projects.

At Monday's regular meeting the school board unanimously approved the ballot proposal. Board president Keith Johnston was not present at the meeting.

The estimated millage for the bond will be .78 mills for 30 years and there will be no increase in taxes for taxpayers. The district had refunded bonds for the high school construction, which lowered the interest rate on those bonds. This lowered cost of the bonds is being used as incentive to taxpayers to approve the new bonds without increase in cost.

If the bond is not approved, the district would have to lower the taxes being paid for those original bonds.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said the district received approval from Treasury, the State, Thrun law firm, "and now the only thing left to do is put it on the Nov. 5 ballot."

He read aloud the ballot language. "We'll highlight what we're doing," Supt. Kudlak said concerning the education of voters that has to take place. "We'll do a lot of educating on that."

Later in the meeting Kudlak passed out a document informing board members on the law on school elections and what they can and cannot do for a bond election.

He said the district can inform voters, but not advocate for the bond.

"We can't use school funds, time, or resources," he said. "But we can send out information."

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File photos by Reg Ion

The annual Battle for Belleville set for just after 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2, on Main Street will feature World War II soldier reenactors in American, British, and German uniforms on vintage vehicles. This annual promotion for the Air Show at Willow Run, which is this Saturday and Sunday, has the war vehicles convoying from the airport to the downtown. A battle to save the museum from the Germans will be "fought" with a lot of loud gun shots and "injured" soldiers on the ground. After the battle, the soldiers will get up and their vehicles will be parked for a while for inspection by the crowd. Then they will head back to Willow Run. These photos were taken at last year's battle.



Thunder Over Michigan Air Show to be held Aug. 3, 4

The annual Thunder Over Michigan Air Show is scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3 and 4, at Willow Run Airport.

More than 81 aircraft are expected to take part in the show.

It is designated "Grunt-Style Air Show Majors" and its mission is to celebrate

aviation, honor the military, and advance the air show industry through increased mainstream awareness.

This is a tour uniting the most prestigious air shows in the country, including those in Lakeland, FL, Wantagh, NY; Thunder Over Michigan at Willow Run; Cleveland National Air Show, the Reno National Championship Air Races and the CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow.

Those going to the Thunder Over Michigan show are encouraged to buy online instead of waiting to buy tickets at the gate. Tickets at the gate are \$45.

Early tickets save \$5 off admission and up to 25% off parking and club upgrades. Kids 15 and under are admitted free.

Parking is \$20 gate price and \$15 online in advance.

All tickets and passes are for one day only.

For air show and parking tickets, go to yankeemuseum.org/airshow/tickets.

Residents of the tri-community also station themselves at the Kmart parking lot, in a boat on Belleville Lake, and many other special locations to watch the show without cost.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Sumpter board OKs union membership for dues-paying employee

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On the fourth time the subject was brought before the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees for consideration, at its July 23 meeting the board finally approved union membership for a part-time employee who was paying union dues and getting no benefits.

The vote was unanimous, with Trustee Don Swinson absent and excused.

Erica Campbell, the clerk in the treasurer's department, was approved for an American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME #1882) union part-time position, working 21 to 29 hours per week.

When she was hired, it was for a 20-hour position at \$18 per hour. Treasurer Kenneth Bednark, who was elected in November, said nobody told him there was no such position and that they had to follow the township's contract with the union for a part-time position of 21 to 29 hours at a pay of \$20.79 per hour. It either had to be that part-time position or full-time, according to the contract.

Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham said every union question should be answered by the union. She said the 21-29 hours is just for those part-time employees and those with less hours can be covered by the union without benefits.

"It doesn't make sense to pay union dues and not have union benefits," Treasurer Bednark said. "Human Resources had not brought AFSCME to light when I was hiring my clerk."

Bednark said the employment of part-timer Bud Morgan was made before he came on the scene and he doesn't know the details of that.

Bednark said Human Resources would not answer his calls. He said AFSCME representative Mike Petrowski put it in writing and he read Petrowski's email endorsing Campbell's part-time employee union membership.

"It's being churned into butter..." Bednark said of the situation.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said the board didn't slow walk anything and that Bednark tabled it at the first meeting when it was brought up and then Supervisor John Morgan wanted to learn if this position is a legal position. Bellingham did not attend any of those meetings and Supervisor Morgan said he wanted her input.

Former Township Treasurer Peggy Morgan said she wanted to explain the Bud Morgan situation. She said the board agreed to it. Senior Director Mary Ann Watson was in a pinch and needed a driver. He does not want to be in a union, she said. She said the late Sybil Buchanan brought a union contract to him and he said no. She



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Sumpter Police Officer Joseph Balowski was promoted to sergeant at the July 23 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. He takes the sergeant status vacated by Chris McGlynn with his recent retirement. The department now has one chief, one lieutenant, one corporal, five sergeants, and eight officers. 34th District Court Judge David Parrott was present to swear Balowski in as sergeant and Balowski's wife Jessica pinned on his new badge.

said it saves the township from giving him benefits. When the union gets a raise, he would get a raise. He's very happy with the number of hours he's working and he doesn't want to work any more, she said.

"If it's not in writing, you have to go by the contract," Oddy said.

Former Treasurer Morgan suggested a letter of agreement might work. She said she just wanted the board to know the situation.

Attorney Rob Young said all the township has to do is execute an opt-out by Bud Morgan and he's out of the union. "It's not an issue... No union dues and not a part-time employee," he said.

"I have no problem with this," said Trustee Tim Rush, "but with the track record of the treasurer's office, I'm afraid in a few months she'll be working full time."

Bednark said Campbell worked 23 or 24 hours a week, but has not worked 29 hours, and the payment for those extra hours over 20 was approved by the board.

"The board will address it if it happens," Bednark said. "Currently, we are budgeted. Let's take it one step at a time."

Paquette joins union

In a related union matter, Malissa Paquette was approved transferred from "at-will" employment status to membership in the AFSCME union.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said Paquette has been a full-time employee of the township since June 14, 2000 when she was hired as a dispatcher at Central Dispatch Network in Belleville. When CDN disbanded in 2006 and dispatch

services were brought home to Sumpter, she was promoted to dispatch supervisor in 2007. That lasted until dispatch services were contracted out to Huron Township in 2012.

All five Sumpter dispatchers were then terminated and on March 28, 2017, the township created an "at-will" position for Paquette and entered into an employment agreement with her as the police department's Administration and Operations Coordinator. As such she was not covered by the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement of April 1, 2017.

Chief Luke said Paquette has decided that she would like her employment to be covered by the AFSCME agreement, thereby altering her agreement with the township.

She will begin at day one membership with AFSCME, but her township seniority of 19 years would stand as it pertains to all contractually mandated yearly benefits, including retirement.

Under the union contract her hourly wage will be \$23.41 and additional longevity pay would be \$1.90 per hour and she would be entitled to overtime compensation for over 40 hours of work per week. She will get 200 hours of vacation a year and will participate in the defined benefit pension plan of the union, instead of the defined non-union contribution MERS plan in which she was enrolled.

Chief Luke said this change would give her the job security an employee of 19 years deserves. He said he has spoken to the local AFSCME representatives

Michael Petrowski and Randy Lynch and Human Resources Director Bellingham about it and they all support the transition.

In other business at the July 23 meeting, the board:

- Approved the Senior Alliance Multi-Year Plan for 2020-22;
- Approved the purchase of a budgeted 2019 Ford F-250 SuperCab 4x4 pickup truck for \$33,732.24 from Atchinson Ford to be used in the Water Department;
- Approved the promotion of six-year Police Patrol Officer Joseph Balowski to the rank of sergeant. This fills the sergeant's position vacated when Chris McGlynn retired after 27 years of service;

• Approved with regrets the retirement of Mike Beaudrie from the fire department, effective immediately, after about 15 years of on and off service;

• Watched Chief Luke give a slide show on a property cleaned of blight after the township went to court. The cost of the two-day cleanup by a bulldozer and steam shovel will be put as a lien on the property. "There has been much said about the blight ordinance on the social media," Luke said. "We're not coming for you for changing your oil in your driveway." Attorney Rob Young said the ordinance was only changed on the enforcement, which allows the team to write civil tickets or go the misdemeanor route. The ordinance has existed since 1987, he said;

• Heard Karen Mickens say the free pizza to the homeless project will be Aug. 13 and any money left over from that will be donated to the Gabby's Games event;

• Heard Trustee Rush say the township is fully Storm Ready and is endorsed by the National Weather Service. There will be a five-minute ceremony at the township board meeting on Sept. 10 when a plaque will be presented;

• Heard Bednark ask for a performance review of DPW Director Ken Kunka to see if he's doing every thing he's supposed to do in managing that department. He said there is \$400,000 in overdue water bills and he'd like to know how the figure got that large. He said he had a meeting with Kunka and others and then started writing policies and procedures for water bills. "Why are there so many unpaid water bills?" he asked, noting he was getting heat from some of the guys in the Water Department for making them take action. "Whether these are sins of commission or omission doesn't matter," Bednark said. Bednark stepped back from being in charge of a water employee located in his office and Young said they can figure out the best way to do it, but he doesn't want this controversy to interfere with the upcoming audit. "Without a proper audit,

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Reward for Egypt's murderer goes up to \$25,000

It's been more than two years since Egypt Covington was found murdered in her home on Hull Road in Van Buren Township and her murderer remains free.

Now, we understand the reward from the family for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer has been increased to \$25,000.

VBT police are handling the case and you can call them if you have information to share. Or, call 1-800-SPEAKUP with any information.

Egypt was highly beloved by her coworkers, many friends, and especially her family.

Her father Chuck Covington is active in the township and donated a bus to the VBT seniors. He is donating a memorial to Egypt that will be part of the park area around the new splash pad.

His heart was broken with the loss of his beloved daughter. Egypt's mother also showed her intense grief by trying to get the murderer found and prosecuted.

Now there is a rumor on social media about a new suspect that hasn't been mentioned before now.

The goal is not to let her case go cold and hopefully the new reward money will revive interest in the case.

Let's hope it leads to the prosecution of her killer. We all want the beautiful Egypt to rest in peace and her loved ones to find some consolation. That's not possible until the perpetrator is locked up and the key thrown away.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader called last Thursday to tell me there were three trucks from Tennessee parked at Meijer in Van Buren Township and she told the men on the trucks that she appreciated them coming up to help get the power back on in this area.

She took a video of the trucks and put it on Facebook somewhere and thought it would be nice if we came out and took a picture. But, I was alone in the office and everyone else was occupied.

We, too, appreciate the out-of-state workers who joined in to help get our area's power back on line.

I talked to the father of the nine-year-old boy who won the brick-count contest at the Belleville Area District Library. We had his picture in the July 18 issue.

Kevin Hinks, the father, said they were on vacation and saw the picture of Andrew online, but wanted to get some paper copies of the *Independent*, so he came in.

I asked him if he helped Andrew estimate the number of bricks being used in the new library building, and he said he didn't and he wasn't even near him when he filled out the entry form. Andrew entered the number that came to mind.

Well, it was a good estimate. Andrew guessed 99,482 bricks and the answer was 98,300.

The brick contest was the brainchild of library board member John Juriga, a retired school teacher.

We received a telephone call from a veteran of the U.S. Air Force who said they were getting a bunch of veterans together for this Friday's Battle for Belleville. He said they planned to stand in front of Chase



bank and salute every American flag that goes by. Watch for them when you go to the battle. It is supposed to start around 6 p.m., but never starts exactly on time.

Anderson Cooper put together a panel that was on television concerning the voters in Michigan. He got those who were Democrats, Republicans, and Independents who told their opinions on the upcoming election and how Michigan might vote for President.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said he was watching television and he saw BHS English teacher Amy Watkins as one of those on the panel. He said that's when his wife, who had been mowing the lawn, wanted him to empty the bag. He told her he couldn't do it right then because he was watching Amy Watkins on TV.

When he told this story at the school board meeting on Monday, he got a lot of flack. Board members and staff wanted to know why he made his wife mow the lawn. He said she likes to mow the lawn, but he empties the bag. They were not convinced.

The idea that he was inside watching TV while his wife was out mowing was hard to swallow. Hey, maybe she does like to mow the lawn.

Also at Monday's school board meeting, board member Amy Pearce said there is a Mental Health Clinic at Centerline High School, which she thought was a "really awesome concept that our district could

use." She wondered if maybe representatives of the school district could visit it to see how it works and it might benefit the district. She mentioned suicide prevention as one of the things that could help this district.

We got a comment on our website from the mother of Heavenly Sloan, the 18-year-old Ohio woman who was the center of a big local search a few weeks ago. The mother said the Van Buren Township Police didn't spend 90 hours looking for her daughter, as reported, and the investigator she hired did most of the work.

She said she still hasn't talked to her daughter. Police in Florida located Heavenly and she said she was 18 years old – an adult -- and she was on vacation, so they let her go.

The mother said her daughter was supposed to be going to college in a few weeks. The mother is still is frantic over the whole thing, which isn't over yet, for her. She said VBT PD closed its case after police in Florida talked to her daughter.

The family is from Middletown, Ohio, and Heavenly ended up in VBT after she attended a family reunion in this area. Then, she didn't go home and cut off communication with her family.



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Don Sherman
Van Buren Township

Library book lovers: Used book sale is Sat.

To the editor:

Library Book Lovers: Escape to Paradise, Read A Good Book!

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Disappointed that VBT didn't record meeting

To the editor:

Thank you for covering the July 10th Van Buren Township Planning Commission meeting that discussed the River of Life Assembly of God church addition.

My property is adjacent to the ROL project and I voiced my concerns at that meeting. I wanted to share the video recording of the meeting with several neighbors that were unable to attend. However, when I found it online the first 30 minutes were unrecorded and the following 25 minutes had no audio; this was when all the public comments were delivered.

When I contacted the township regarding the missing video and audio, they stated that the computer went into automatic update at the time of the meeting. I was told the missing video and audio were unrecoverable. I am rather disappointed that a significant portion of this meeting was conveniently unrecorded.

After reading in the July 25th issue that the Communication Director position is currently vacant and that the department is being run by high school students, I'm wondering if that was the real reason why the meeting was not recorded in its entirety.

Kelly Walker
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: You may be happy to hear that it has been announced that the River of Life has changed its mind about expanding its church on Savage Road and is looking into another option in the township.

Christian call for responses to President

To the editor:

In recent times our President made the latest in a long line of comments demeaning immigrants and minorities. What does this have to do with us today?

Some of us voted for Trump, in enthusiastic support or in reluctant pragmatism. Others rejected him.

As for me, I wonder if we have too much silence from the pulpit in an era when prophets are needed. I also wonder if our prophetic pastors are willing to call out sin when they see it. One thing biblical prophets in the pulpit should hold in common is that they are willing to condemn unrighteousness in our leaders.

The racial inflection of our political drama adds deeper significance to the moment. As white Christians, we have a long and lamentable history of being silent when people of color are under attack. On the one hand, I sense today an authentic desire among white Christians to build bridges of relationship and reconciliation with their friends and neighbors of other ethnicity.

On the other hand, I sense a profound frustration among non-white Christian friends that their white brethren keep silent as the president aims repulsive and shameful statements at people of color.

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Obituaries

KAREN P. DROTAR

July 29, 1952 - July 22, 2019

Karen P. Drotar, 66, of Van Buren Township, died suddenly, Monday, July 22, 2019. She was born July 29, 1952, the daughter of Joseph H. and Shirley A. (Petteff) Jenkin.

She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Michigan and her master's degree in nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University. Karen retired as a Registered Nurse from Blue Cross Blue Shield after many years of service. She was formerly a Registered Nurse with the Wayne County Department of Public Health.

Survivors include her daughter Samantha Drotar, son Zachary Drotar, brother Robert Jenkin and her beloved cats Bernie and Rosie. Preceded in death by her parents. A Memorial Service will be announced soon.

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Phyllis Jean Carpenter

PHYLLIS J. (ROBERTS) CARPENTER

October 31, 1931 - July 4, 2019

Phyllis Jean Carpenter of Britton, Minnesota, passed away on July 4, 2019 at Lenawee Care Facility. She was born on October 31, 1931. She was the daughter of William Harold (Bus) Roberts and Margert Foder. She grew up in Belleville, MI and lived there many years. She met her husband Don who also grew up in Belleville.

After her family moved to Britton in 1972, she worked in accounting at Bohn Aluminum. A few years later she found her passion - flowers. She opened the Herb Hang Up at her home. It was a dried flower business that allowed her and her husband Don to travel and sell their arrangements at craft shows locally and across the country.

Phyllis loved growing the flowers from seeds to be used in her arrangements. She and her husband Don had about 1 acre of flowers they took care of for about 20 years. Phyllis also loved to play 4-deck Solitaire, start a football pool, watch the Red Wings and celebrate Christmas. She was competitive at any game she played.

Phyllis is survived by daughters Cynthia (Joe) White of Georgia, Amy (Fred) Cattell of Stockbridge, MI, and son Mark (Jackie Lynch) Carpenter of Saline, MI; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister. Her husband Don passed in 2015. They were married for 65 years.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

Well-wishers are encouraged to send donations to Hospice of Lenawee, Adrian, MI.

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Romulus Historical Society sets 40th-annual anniversary celebration

The Romulus Historical Society invites the public to its 40th Anniversary Celebration at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St., Romulus.

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Obituaries

KATHLEEN G. CARTER

July 29, 1941 - July 24, 2019

Kathleen Gail Carter, age 77, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at her home, surrounded by family. She was born July 29, 1941 in Detroit, MI, daughter of Edwin & Evelyn (Hittinger) Coulson. She graduated from Redford High School. She was a dental assistant for several years and retired from Belleville H&R Block after 17 years of loyal service.

She is survived by two sons Alan Avery of Belleville, MI and Paul Avery of Portland, Oregon; daughter Lisa (Ron) Garland of Ypsilanti, MI; step-daughter Stephanie (Don) Curtis of Atlanta, Georgia; also, three grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents, first husband Robin Avery, second husband Ralph Carter, son Brian Avery, also one brother.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Diabetes Association and would be appreciated.

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Mark A. Winter

MARK A. WINTER

July 23, 1959 - July 14, 2019

Born in Wyandotte, Mark was the son of Guy and Doris (Phillips) Winter. A graduate of Riverview High School, Mark worked as a truck driver for Al's Asphalt Paving. He married Anna M. Rojas on October 27, 1990.

Mark leaves to cherish his memory, Anna, his wife of the past 28 years; step-children Jeremy, Stephanie and Kristin, as well as his grandchildren Jordan, Elexis and Jason. Sadly, he was preceded in death by his parents; three uncles Raymond, Jerry and Bob; as well as one aunt Joyce.

Arrangements were by the Ford Chapel of Martenson Family of Funeral Homes in Rockwood. Memorial contributions in honor of Mark may be made to Children's Hospital of Michigan.



Francis Stephen Partridge

FRANCIS STEPHEN PARTRIDGE

June 26, 1941 - July 22, 2019

Francis Stephen Partridge, age 78, of Van Buren Township, MI.

Beloved husband of Denise. Proud father of Eric, Greg (Simona) and Gavin (Megan). Brother of Eric (Linda) Partridge, Step-father of Jeffrey and Derek (Brittany). Grandfather of Caitlyn (Sean), Jazzmin, Jordyn, Dylan and Brandon. Great-grandfather of three.

Steve was born in Liverpool, England in 1941 and came to the United States at the age of 16. He was a decorated Vietnam War Veteran, having served as sergeant in the Air Force as a computer specialist on the Combat Skyspot crew on hundreds of tactical missions in Southeast Asia. He worked in Civil Engineering, water/sewer infrastructure for local municipalities. Steve will forever be remembered for his intelligence and his dry sense of humor, and will be missed by many.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

The family will host a gathering Monday, August 5, 2019 from 5-8 pm at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

He will be interred in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

Memorial contributions to VFW Post #4434 would be greatly appreciated by the family.



ARTHUR JAMES 'JIM' GAUVREAU

(August 7, 1940 -- July 26, 2019)

Arthur James "Jim" Gauvreau, age 78, of Belleville, July 26, 2019. Beloved husband of Margaret "Marge" Gauvreau. Loving father of John Gauvreau. Dearest brother of Donald (Sharon) Gauvreau and Helen Mussio-Kraft. He is preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Irene Gauvreau and his sisters Marie Anderson, Jean Wojciechowski, Rita Webb, Virginia Gregor and Mae Moore. Jim belonged to the Local 900 Ford Motor Company. He was a Tigers and Wings fan.

Service was Wednesday, 11 a.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Tuesday, 1-8 p.m. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. www.mimemorial.com



Charles Eugene Brewer

CHARLES EUGENE BREWER

December 1, 1964 - July 8, 2019

Charles Brewer, age 54, of Willis, MI, passed away in his home on the morning of July 8, 2019. He was born December 1, 1964 in Ypsilanti, MI, to proud parents Barry L. and Beverly R. (Carter) Booth. Charles was a valued employee of Downriver Alignment (Engine Tech Center) for many years. He will always be remembered for his love of his family, history, racing, collecting, the outdoors, hunting, and old cars. Charles spent his spare time helping others when he could and tinkering with anything and everything.

Charles is survived by four children: Christine Brewer, Charles Mathew Brewer, Chelsea (Joshua) Hendrickson and Cassidy Brewer, and their mother, his former wife of 25 years, Jenny Brewer; three grandchildren Maxwell Charles Brewer, Josephine Hendrickson and Charlotte Hendrickson; siblings Scott Brewer, Lisa Navarre, Lloyd Booth, and Micheal (Sheri) Booth; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, and his beloved dog Lightning. A funeral service was held at 11 AM Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Janowiak Funeral Home - Sumpter Chapel, 19865 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI with Pastor Kevin Lovejoy, Antioch Baptist Church, officiating.

Donations to the family for the cost of the funeral services would be very appreciated. www.janowiakfuneralhome.com



David "Dave" Alexander Telfer

DAVID 'DAVE' ALEXANDER TELFER

(April 24, 1957 -- July 19, 2019)

Surviving David is his wife Karen Telfer of Hazel Park; one daughter, Candice (Telfer) Flor (daughter of David Telfer and Judy Telfer) and husband Rainer of Florida; his mother Rachel Abram of Livonia, Michigan; two brothers Thomas Telfer and wife Cindy of Livonia and John Lakatos and wife Dedra of Romulus, Michigan; one niece Rachel Telfer; two nephews Joseph Lakatos and Eric Biggs; and two fur puppies Jackson and Lilly. Mr. Telfer was preceded in death by his father Summerville Telfer, sister Elizabeth Telfer, and his dog Indiana. To share an online memory or condolence with Dave's family, please visit: www.stockingfuneralhome.com. Arrangements for Mr. Telfer are entrusted with Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison, (989) 539-7810.

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• Tuesday, Aug. 6 - Van Buren Township budget preparation meeting, 8:25 a.m. until noon and then 1:05 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Thursday, Aug. 8 - Keystone Academy board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

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More Letters

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These friends do not like what the silence of the white church is saying, and neither do I.

If white Christians wish to stand in worship with brothers and sisters of other colors and backgrounds, they need to stand with them first when they are under attack. We should all stand so close that attacks on "them" are attacks on "us," until there is no longer a distinction between "them" and "us" remaining. If we abandon our friends of color in their time of need, we cannot expect them to help us overcome our racist divide.

So, let us not be silent. We are not captive to any political party. We are accountable to a higher authority. We expect better of our leaders, and we stand with our brothers and sisters when they are under attack. I hope Christians of all political persuasions will speak the truth and stand with those who suffer unjustly.

In the grip of His love,

Rev. Jim Walker
Belleville First United Methodist Church

God's Closet could use your help for free clothes

To the editor:

If I told you that your assistance could help clothe children in this community and all you had to do was help spread the word, wouldn't that be worth it?

As a member of this community we're seeking your help with something that will benefit children of all ages here locally and in the surrounding communities. We're a non-profit organization that provides free children's clothes to children ages 0-17 years old.

Who are we? Our non-profit organization is called God's Closet. We are a local ministry of the *Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church*. Our non-profit organization website is www.GodsCloset.com. Our chapter name is *God's Closet - MIBelleville*. Find us on Facebook!

How we operate? We collect gently used clothes from those in the community and surrounding communities. Then we will have a periodic Free Shopping Day (2-4 times per year), where each family will pay \$1 to get in the door and then they can shop for free. The bags we give you can be stuffed to the max at no charge.

To find out more about what we do you can view some videos on the website of other chapters across America and abroad. Pictures and videos of rooms full of clothes and what ours will look like is on the website.

How you can help!

1. Find us on Facebook and *Like* our page. Then *Share* our page with your friends. Especially the ones who have kids in the family, and tell them to *Like* and *Share* our page. That way you can stay updated on when our first Free Shopping Day event will take place. Facebook page name: *God's Closet - MIBelleville*

2. We really need donations! If you have any donations we can come and pick them up.

- If you don't have any clothes to donate then you have the option of purchasing new children's underwear, any size of boys and/or girls. (We don't distribute used underwear.)

- You can purchase a storage tub for our donated clothes. (Contact us and we can tell you which tub to purchase or give us the money and we can pick it up ourselves.)

3. We need Volunteers!

- We need help sorting clothes and setting up for our free shopping days. (Date: TBD) We can put you on a list to be notified of when this date will be if you give us your contact info.

- We need business locations where people can drop off clothes throughout the week to make it easier for them to donate.

- We need people to volunteer to help pick up clothing donations when people contact us to come pick them up.

- We need businesses to donate lunch on setup days for volunteers. (Setup days only happen 2-4 times per year.)

- We need dentists to donate children's toothbrushes and toothpaste for kids.

- We need entertainers for kids' area on our free shopping days. (Free shopping days only happen 2-4 times per year.)

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- We need people to print the flyers from our website and post them around town, and hand them out to everyone you see.

- We need people to share our posts after we post on Facebook our Facebook page.

- We need ideas and incentives on how we can help motivate people to donate.

The only way this ministry will work is with your help! In advance, we want to thank you for making this ministry a success through your support.

Pastor Nathaniel Oregon
Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church

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The player check in with a light breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start is at 9 a.m., with hot dogs on the turn. Dinner is at 3 p.m.

There is still time to sponsor a hole for \$100, cart signs for \$300, lunch at the turn for \$300, beverage cart for \$500, event sponsor for \$2,000, and the Bloody Mary bar.

Cost is \$115 per golfer. Checks may be made out to "Belleville Rotary" and mailed to Belleville Rotary club, P.O. Box 537, Belleville, MI 48112 with contact information.

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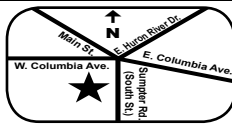
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VBT planners recommend changes for senior housing ord.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A recommendation to amend the township ordinance to make way for senior housing in the township was approved unanimously at the July 24 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.

The ordinance amendment now will go to the township board for a final vote.

Vidya Krishnan, a principal planner at McKenna who had been a consultant to the commission, switched her seat at the board table, to fill in as Director of Planning and Economic Development since that position is now vacant.

She presented the amendment she had prepared as consultant. At the June 26 meeting the commission discussed the amendment and asked her to change the title and text from “elderly” housing to “senior” housing, which she has done.

Also, the amendment adds senior housing (independent and dependent living) as special land uses in the RM – Multiple Dwelling Residential Districts, RMH Mobile Home Park Districts, C Local Business Districts, C-1 General Business Districts, C-2 Extensive Highway Business Districts, and M-U Mixed-Use Districts. Her suggestion to also have senior housing available in Industrial zoning, as in other communities, was removed since at the June 26 meeting commissioners objected to that.

A new section was added – 5.143 Senior Housing in Article 5, Development Standards for Specific Uses.

During the five-minute public hearing, Township Trustee Sherry Frazier, speaking as a resident, said, “I think this is important to have senior citizen housing for our Van Buren seniors.”

She said as a Realtor, she has seen that some of the senior housing has been out of reach for residents and it’s important to accommodate the older population. She said senior living space is very expensive.

Trustee Frazier said they should have senior living spaces at all prices, including lower and medium prices. She pointed out

River of Life church no longer pursuing expansion on Savage Rd.

At the July 24 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, Public Services Director Matt Best announced that the River of Life church on Savage Road is no longer pursuing the proposed addition to its building.

Director Best said the church has found an alternative in the township and will bring back their plans to the township building department.

Best said after the public hearing on the church expansion at the July 10 meeting, the planning commission gave the church approval on its preliminary site plan and special land use.

Those approvals will stay in place until they expire.

“We’ll do what we can to help them expand for their congregation,” Best said.

The public hearing on July 10 featured several neighbors who vehemently opposed the building plans.

studies show the population is becoming older and schools have fewer students because fewer babies are being born.

“I would like to see good senior citizen housing in our community available to our residents,” Frazier concluded.

Krishnan said the new ordinance will give the whole gamut of options for aging in place.

“I’m glad it’s not in Light Industrial [zoning],” said Treasurer Sherry Budd, the township board’s liaison to the commission.

The commission took a roll-call vote and all voted to recommend the ordinance changes to the township board.

Krishnan said the township has heard from a couple of developers who say they are interested in senior housing.

Lakefront lot setbacks

Krishnan reminded them that at the

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They tested the water pressure on July 13 as construction of the new splash pad continues at Van Buren Township's Quirk Park. The \$1 million project is still targeted to be complete and in use in August. The Quirk Park Splash Pad will be Wayne County's largest splash park, with a total footprint of 6,359 square feet. The spray area of the splash pad is more than 4,070 square feet and includes a dump bucket and 19 different spray features with a variety of PSI levels to accommodate zones for toddlers to teens. Benches, shade sails and picnic seating will be incorporated into the outer ring of the dry zone, with fencing surrounding the pad's perimeter. No standing water eliminates the need for lifeguards. The splash pad is funded by the Downtown Development Authority, the Van Buren Civic Fund, and Van Buren Township. Entry to the splash pad will be free.



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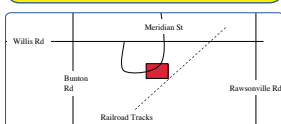


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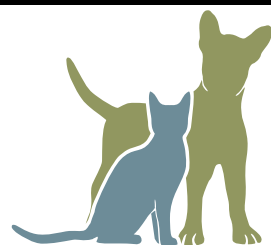
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VBT Plan

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June 26 commission meeting, township staff presented information and analysis concerning lakefront lots.

The minimum lot width for any zoning district in the township is 70 feet. There are some legally nonconforming lots which are narrower than that, she said.

One section of the township ordinance requires a minimum 24-foot width across the front and rear elevations of a home and another section requires the side yard setbacks to total at least 25 feet. For lots that are 50 feet wide or narrower, these requirements do not leave a viable building envelope, she said.

The Board of Zoning Appeals had asked the staff to look into the concentration of narrow lots in the township, particularly on the lakefront and whether the setback requirements should be amended for these lots.

Krishnan presented a sliding scale to see if this is an approach the commission would like.

Director Best said this scale would be helpful for garages and new construction and would allow for 15 feet of side lot that would allow for public safety.

"This allows the building department to be more gracious with building permits ... and planning," Best said.

"The BZA should not be used to develop property," Krishnan said. "If a lot of people go to the BZA for the same thing, it's time to change the ordinance. The minimum would be five feet for fire safety."

Commissioner Joan Franzoi asked if this was just for lake lots and Best said yes, it was specific to the needs of lakefront lots.

Commissioner Jahr said the 50-foot lots on the lake were created before zoning regulations.

"Many were getaway lots and generally pre-date the zoning ordinances," Krishnan agreed.

A public hearing was set for Aug. 28 to get public input on a suggested zoning amendment for R-1B and R-1C districts:

"Lakefront lot setbacks. The structures on the parcel shall comply with the required front and rear yard setbacks for the underlying zoning district. Where the lot does not comply with the minimum required lot width, the narrowest side yard shall not be less than five feet or 15 percent of the lot width, whichever is greater, and the sum of the two side yards shall not be less than 30 percent of the lot width."

Krishnan said on a 50-foot-wide lot, the required side-yard setbacks would be 15% of 50 or 7.5 feet. A combined side yard of 15 feet would still allow a buildable width of 35 feet, she said.

Commission Chairwoman Carol Thompson said the list of non-complying lots on the lake was less than ten lots on the whole lake.

"It would help some lots," Krishnan said.

"We want to be gracious to all our residents," said Commissioner Medina Atchinson. "Help those who want to develop their property. This is fair."

Commissioner Jeff Jahr agreed that this proposal did a good job of being fair.

Treasurer Budd pointed out the planning commission could handle the developments of these lots now, without residents have to have the cost of going to the BZA.

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Court Watching:**Case adjourned to Sept. 4 for teen charged with murder in traffic crash**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Micaiah Carlin Minor, 17, of Canton Township, was due for a probable cause conference before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on July 24.

Minor is charged with second-degree murder in the death of John Robert McElreath, 64, of Van Buren Township on May 7 in VBT.

It is alleged that Minor, an unlicensed driver, was driving southbound on Belleville Road at a high rate of speed, when he disregarded a red light at Ecorse, crossed over the double-yellow line and drove into northbound traffic, striking the victim in his car. McElreath died from his injuries in the crash.

The probable cause conference was adjourned until Sept. 4 before Judge Green. He is free on a tether after posting \$50,000/10% bond. His retained attorney is David Cripps.

Retired Judge Terrance Bronson of Monroe was filling in for Judge Green on July 24.

Darien Noel Fickling

Darien Noel Fickling, 49, of Romulus was bound over to circuit court for trial on charges having to do with allegedly assaulting a jogger in the Oakwoods Metropark in Huron Township on June 6, 2017.

He is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Aug. 7. He is also set for counseling and testing for sexually transmitted disease.

Fickling is charged with kidnapping, unarmed robbery, assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

When he appeared before Judge Brian Oakley on June 8, 2017, he said, "I know I did wrong," which was broadcast by channel 2 television. He was arrested the same day as the assault, and he was holding the victim's phone.

On July 24, Fickling's court-appointed

attorney John McWilliams and his client appeared before Judge Bronson, who was filling in for Judge Green. He said there were several open issues and some would be preserved for circuit court.

He said there is an issue of competency and Fickling has been in an institution for some time by order of the court. He was found incompetent to face trial and then found competent.

The victim testified how she was running the trails connected to the Metropark when she encountered an Afro-American man on a red bike. She said she waved to acknowledge him and kept on running in a trail in a wooded area. He rode past her twice and then was waiting by a tree. She said she checked her watch and saw it was 3 p.m. and she should go home, so she turned around. That's when she was jumped from the rear, she testified.

She said he tackled her, punched her face repeatedly, and she was screaming for help. She said he told her to stop or he would kill her. She said she was fighting back and he tried to pull her pants down, but she was wearing Underarmor with biker shorts, which is a tight fit, and he was unsuccessful. He took her cell phone and ran to the wooded path, she testified.

She said she ran to the closest house, which was peach-colored, but no one was home. She ran to a gray house, where she heard a dog barking, and a woman answered the door, grabbed her gun, and then called 911. The woman gave her a rag to wipe her face, she testified. She turned over the clothes she was wearing to the police and the test results for DNA on the black shorts and her two rings that had been taken. The tests were submitted as evidence by Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor David Champine.

Fickling is free on a tether and in the care of his brother after posting bond of \$100,000.

Brian Keith Courtney, Jr.

Brian Keith Courtney, Jr., 31, had his preliminary exam held before Judge Bronson on July 24 on charges of assault with intent to do great physical harm less than murder and domestic violence in Sumpter Township at around 8:30 a.m. July 7.

After the alleged victim testified she wasn't actually assaulted and when he put

his hands around her neck it was part of the different sex life they have and this is normal for them. She said they had been out on the lake all day and they were dehydrated and she wasn't sure if he threatened her and she was confused and it may have been all a dream. She has PTSD from a childhood incident, she said, and sometimes she gets upset.

In questioning her, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Larry King asked her if she has a pending case in Ohio and she said yes. And, the defendant's father is a victim in that case, and the answer was yes. "And if you drop these charges, the other case is dismissed?" King asked, and she replied, "Absolutely not."

And, there is a case in Florida, King said. "Was that case fabricated, as well?"

King asked.

Judge Bronson said he was not going to bind this over for trial because the prosecution will be unable to prove the case, since the victim denied all assault.

But, King asked the judge to allow him to put two more witnesses on the stand – the woman who picked up the victim who was crying and saying her boyfriend was trying to kill her and the police officer who talked to the victim.

King called Allison Young who testified she was driving her truck on Willow Road with her two-year-old child in the vehicle when she saw a woman coming out of the ditch, all wet, wearing just a bra and short panties, waving her arms. She turned her

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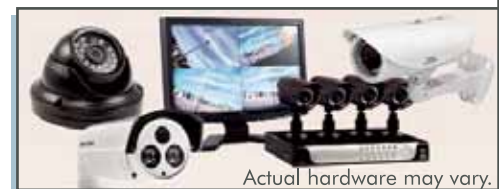
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vehicle around and went back to the woman. "She was frantic, disheveled and she said, 'Help, my boyfriend is trying to kill me.'"

"I backed up and saw a man in shorts running toward a truck and she said, 'That's him.' I put the truck in gear and I floored it..."

She said she turned down the first dirt road, Haggerty, and called 911 and she was directed to the Huron Police Department. She thought she saw the truck following them.

The last witness was Sumpter Police Sgt. Elizabeth Egerer who testified she took the statement from Courtney, who lived in the 42000 block of Willow Rd. He said he woke up and didn't know where his girlfriend was. He said he had an argument with her about her going back to Florida.

Sgt. Egerer said the victim told her Courtney open-slapped her face eight or

nine times and put both hands around her neck, strangling her. She said she had jaw pain from the slapping or the strangulation.

Sgt. Egerer testified Huron Valley Ambulance came out and treated the victim on the scene and then took her to St. Joseph Hospital for further treatment.

Judge Bronson called Prosecutor King and defense attorney Hordos into his office to discuss the case in private. After eight minutes they all returned to the courtroom and Prosecutor King made the motion to bind over to circuit court for trial. He said the witness may have motivation to lie. In Florida she also claimed to fabricate the charge, he said.

King said while some cases are a situation of "he said, she said," this case is a "she said, she also said."

The defense attorney Hordos said this was a waste of judicial and the People's resources and that the misdemeanor domestic violence charge will be back to 34th District Court for a pretrial once the

assault charge is dismissed at circuit court.

"This is the first time in 30 years as a judge that I ever had *she said, she also said*, which changes testimony from the time around the event to later," Judge Bronson said.

"Against my better judgment, I'll bind the matter over and if you choose to appeal me, it doesn't matter to me," he said to the defense attorney. "The prosecutor has his work cut out for him."

The arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice was set for Aug. 7.

At the request of the prosecutor, Judge Bronson set a personal bond on the witness to ensure her appearance in court.

Although part of the \$10,000 conditional bond posted by the defendant directed him not to have any direct or indirect contact with the victim, after the court session, the defendant drove his truck onto Wayne Road and stopped at the light, where the victim got into his vehicle and they drove off together.

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VBT man injured in second motorcycle crash on Saturday morning

On Saturday, July 27, at about 1:45 a.m., Sumpter Township Police and Fire were dispatched to the area of Bemis Road at Lohr for a traffic crash with injuries.

Sumpter Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said the investigation is ongoing, although preliminary findings appear to show the following:

A 46-year-old Van Buren Township man failed to navigate the T-intersection at Bemis Road and northbound Lohr, crashing the motorcycle he was driving in a yard just south of the intersection.

The motorcyclist, who was reportedly uninjured from the first crash then drove back onto the roadway, failing to yield the right-of-way, and was struck by a 28-year-old Sumpter Township man's vehicle that was traveling eastbound Bemis.

The motorcyclist sustained a very serious left leg injury and was transported by HVA to an area hospital, Chief Luke said.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash, Chief Luke said. Sumpter Township police are awaiting toxicology reports to progress further with the investigation.

Sumpter Township was assisted on scene by the Van Buren Township Department of Public Safety and the Michigan State Police Accident Reconstruction Team

Birthdays

July 23 – Scott Vanover
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 July 29 – Debbie White
 Aug. 2 – Tina Pyzik
 Aug. 3 – Ashley Shukait, Krystal Hackett
 Aug. 4 – James Flanary
 Aug. 5 – Anna Loranger, Jordyn Renae
 Aug. 6 – Donna Hogue
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Do you have a birthday in August? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

Court watching

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Christopher Michael Jarrett

Christopher Michael Jarrett, 31, was scheduled for his preliminary exam on July 24, but it was adjourned to Aug. 14. Jarrett is charged with three counts of ethnic intimidation and three counts of assault and battery on July 4 in Van Buren Township.

He is free after posting bond. His retained attorney is Sanford Schulman.

Winston Robert Larry

The preliminary exam for Winston Robert Larry, 51, was set for Aug. 14 by Judge Bronson at the request of court-appointed attorney Jonathan Hordos. Larry is charged with retail fraud on Dec. 17, 2016 in Van Buren Township.

Court Watching:

Pettway doesn't show up for court, shows up, and then doesn't show up

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Vetra Denice Pettway, 60, of Detroit, was due for her preliminary examination before 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley on July 17, but she did not show up for court. It was 11:55 a.m. and her exam had been set for 9 a.m.

Her court-appointed attorney Jeahad Kadaf also was not there and had not called in to leave any message.

Pettway has been charged with felonious assault, interfering with a crime report and reckless driving on May 26 in Sumpter Township. She was free after posting bond of \$10,000/10%.

After Judge Oakley said he would issue a bench warrant on Pettway, the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor pointed out this is the third bench warrant in this case within the last month. He said she comes in hours late and then the warrant is cancelled. He asked Judge Oakley for a higher bond for her and Judge Oakley raised it to \$50,000/10%.

Then, the next day, July 18, Pettway appeared at the court counter at 10:55 a.m. and the warrant was cancelled. She had to fill out a form to qualify for a court-appointed attorney and took too long filling it out, so it was too late for court action. She was to come back at 1:30 p.m. as a walk-in. She didn't and the warrant was reentered into LEIN (the law enforcement information network).

Gage Bryant Harris

Gage Bryant Harris, 25, waived his preliminary exam before Judge Oakley and was bound over for trial to circuit court for a July 31 arraignment on the information. He is charged with home invasion / first degree, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and domestic violence on May 21 in Van Buren Township. An attorney stood in for his court-appointed attorney Sanford Schulman. Harris is free after posting bond.

Sucretts Camella Stone

Sucretts Camella Stone, 36, waived her

preliminary exam before Judge Oakley and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 31. She is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and assault or assault and battery on June 29 in Van Buren Township. She is free after posting bond and the bond was continued and the no-contact provision emphasized. Judge Oakley also noted she was behind on a previous payment plan and needs to make a payment.

Joletta Morrell King

Joletta Morrell King, 35, waived her preliminary exam before Judge Oakley on charges of using a self-defense spray device (weapon) and domestic violence on June 25 in Van Buren Township.

She was bound over to circuit court for a July 31 arraignment on the information. She told her court-appointed attorney that she could not go on that date because she had to move out and that was the last day. And, she had two small children and it was going to be difficult.

Her attorney explained that Judge Oakley can't change that date, but the attorney will explain the situation to officials at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice to see if she can get the date moved to July 24.

King told Judge Oakley that the incident was self-defense, but she knew he couldn't make that determination and it had to go to circuit court.

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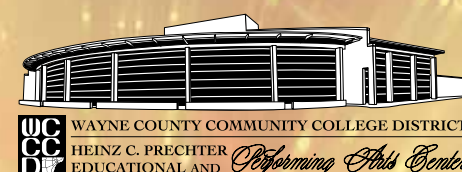
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Romulus is holding its Relay for Life to benefit the Cancer Society this week end. There are no Relays for Life scheduled in the tri-community this year.

The free event that brings the community together for a day of family fun and fund-raising begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Romulus Senior Center Park, located behind the Senior Center at 36525 Bibbins.

The Romulus Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society, a nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer.

Individuals and teams of friends and family members surround the track with games, goodies and items for sale to support the cancer society. Teams attempt to keep a walker on the track for 24 hours.

There are many things going on throughout the day, including:

- Relay opens with a salute to cancer survivors, who take the first lap while supporters cheer them on with a bubble salute. Survivors and their caregivers will be given the royal treatment with a free brunch, massages, family photos and more. Register at the event website, www.relayforlife.org/romulusmi, or on the day of the event at the purple tent.

- Participants and residents from the area are invited to stop by any time to take part in 24 hours of themed laps, such as the Trick or Treat Lap at 5 p.m. or the Glow Lap at 10 p.m. Relay for Life Event Lead Shona Silvey-Baum invites the community to “support the teams by taking a few laps around the track for them any time night or day.”

- Hometown celebrity Charlie Newhart of Romulus will be among the participants. Newhart is a Romulus High School graduate, a successful actor/comedian and a cancer survivor. He lives with his family in Los Angeles. He filmed a Relay for Life promotional message on YouTube that is linked on the event Facebook page, “Relay for Life of Romulus.”

- Former Romulus band teacher Mark Fernandez will support the hometown when he brings his talent and his band Tequila Mockingbirds to entertain on stage

from 4 to 6 p.m.

- One of the most moving parts of the 24-hour event is the Luminaria lap, which honors and supports loved ones affected by cancer. A bagpipe player begins the profound ceremony at dusk as participants light up the track with special candles in bags and remember why they fight cancer. Luminaria can be purchased on the website or from any Romulus Relay.

- Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff will close the event at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. During closing ceremonies, members of Boy Scout Pack 872 will provide a pancake breakfast.

For more information, visit the website www.relayforlife.org/romulusmi or the event Facebook page Relay for Life of Romulus or text event leader Shona Silvey-Baum at (734) 754-3823.

Belleville Area District Library sets used book sale for Saturday, Aug. 3

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The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library are having their summer used-book sale on Saturday, Aug. 3, noon to 3 p.m. in the library program room.

Members of the Friends of the Library will be admitted to a pre-sale at 11 a.m. Membership applications will be available at the door. New memberships after July 1, receive a free membership for 2020.

Book prices will be slashed to the following: adult hardcover books will be 3 for \$1, trade-size paperbacks 3 for \$.75 and regular paperbacks 6 for \$1. Children’s hardcovers will be 6 for \$1 and paperbacks 8 for \$1. DVDs and CDs will be 2 for \$1.

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Keystone Board approves storage shed, shelves in garage

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting July 18, the Keystone Charter Academy school board approved spending some of its discretionary funds to provide a new storage shed to hold athletic equipment and to provide shelves in the garage that would give extra space for items stored by the Parent Teacher Organization.

Board member Patricia Kirkpatrick made the motion to expend up to \$5,500 for the shed project to store athletic supplies. This was seconded by Secretary Connie Shull and passed unanimously.

Board President Vesta Losen said as the school expanded in student numbers,

former storage rooms were turned into offices. The athletic director's office is filled with bulky athletic equipment and cheerleading outfits that have been cleaned and are waiting for the next season.

He needs a place to store big items, including the four big tires that are used on the playground, but he doesn't want winter items out there because that building wouldn't be opened in the winter. The building will be next to the sidewalk at the rear of the school.

The PTO president Dawn and maintenance director Deb have been looking at options and found that Tough Shed would put up a 20'x5' wooden, unattached building with a slanted wooden roof for \$3,265. After

discussion, the board agreed a cement pad and metal roof were needed, pushing the price up to an estimated \$5,500.

"This is what our money is supposed to be doing," said President Losen, adding it is not for educating the students, since those costs are taken care of. They have their funds to buy extra things to help the school function.

The board also voted to spend up to \$2,400 for Woodbridge Renovations to put up wooden shelving in the south and west walls of the garage. The garage is used to store tables and chairs and there is plenty of space, Losen said.

The contractor will also provide 20, 17-gallon storage bins.

Losen said the bins are mouse-proof as long as you keep the lids on the bins. They hope to get the shelves done this summer. She said they got several quotes with some saying they were so busy they couldn't do it.

There was some concern about the estimated price of the cement slab, which was \$2,000, and they hoped to be able to get someone to do it for them at a lower price.

The PTO had been asked to move the many items they have stored in the building, to free up the parent room, where parents can enter from the outside and has restrooms. NHA has parent rooms at all its 88 schools and Principal Jorvanna Drain wants to provide an uncluttered parent room at Keystone.

The PTO stores items for the school store, extra supplies at the beginning of the school year, candy, pop, and gently worn and new clothes that children have outgrown to be distributed free to those in need, and other supplies.

In other business at the July 18 meeting, the board:

- Was informed by Losen that she took Kirkpatrick to the Chase bank at about 10:45 a.m. that day to swear her in in front of a notary to make sure she had enough board members to make a quorum so she could convene the 6 p.m. meeting. Kirkpatrick was sworn in for three more years with a term to expire in June of 2022. Board member Darren Hickonbottom was on vacation, and he will be sworn in at the Aug. 8 meeting for another three-year term.



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School Board

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He said board members are permitted to say their opinion on the bond on their personal email.

Kudlak said he will be educating the administration and staff, as well, on what they can and cannot do under the Campaign Finance Act, along with the PTO.

“If somebody wants to organize a campaign committee – whoever they are – they can do so to support the millage, as well as those who oppose it,” he said.

Board vice president Susan Featheringill, who was chairing the meeting in president Johnston’s absence, said people in the community may wonder if a board member is not saying yes, go out and vote it, then why are they doing it?

“We don’t want to get in any trouble,” Featheringill said, concerning paying strict attention to the law.

“Things we’re sending out were sent to Thrun first,” Kudlak said of the district’s law firm. “We don’t want to get the wrong word in there.”

In other business at Monday’s meeting, the board:

- Approved hiring Dionisia Munoz, RN, as a full-time district resource nurse as of Aug. 1. Her office will be in the Administration Building and she will be traveling throughout the district. She will work with parents and school staff to make sure health plans are in place for students with issues. She also will train staff on how to give medications and oversee it all. Kudlak said he will send out new school information, including on the nurse, before school starts;

- Approved paying \$40,000 to Ypsilanti Township to replace the entire drive in the

Van Buren Public Schools Bonding Proposal

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Five Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$35,490,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

Erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new early childhood center; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; and preparing developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020 is .78 mill (\$.78 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mills net increase over the prior year’s levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is .87 mill (\$.87 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$54,495,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0.00. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

area where a new sidewalk is going to be installed at Rawsonville Elementary School. James Williams, director of plant operations, said the township has offered to connect its bike path to the school’s sidewalk with 500 feet of new 5’ wide sidewalk at no cost to the district. In conjunction with the new sidewalk, the contractor will have to remove and replace a 500’x4’ piece of the drive to install the sidewalk appropriately, at no cost to the school district. Both the township and the school district agree it would make sense for the school district to replace the remainder of the West drive, which has deteriorated over the past couple of years. They added the drive to their specifications when they bid out the bike path project and \$40,000 will replace the whole drive. This is from the sinking fund. Williams said they were ready to start on Thursday;

- Approved the purchase of new furniture for two classrooms at McBride from the Great Lakes Furniture Supply Company in the amount of \$32,055 and two rooms of furniture for Savage Elementary from the Dew-El Corporation in the amount of \$32,222. Williams said a couple of years

ago it was decided that each building could replace furniture in two classrooms per year, allowing for a slow and more-economical way to update the buildings;

- Approved the second reading and final adoption of board policy updates as recommended by NEOLA and the board policy committee made up of Featheringill and board members Calvin Hawkins and Amy Pearce;

- Approved the July 12 resignation of Lynn Johnson from Maintenance after one year of service and the hiring of Cynthia Maschat as a bus driver as of Sept. 3;

- Approved the layoff of teacher Alicia Doty-Densemo as of June 30 from Haggerty school after two years of service; and the resignation of teacher Melissa Lloyd from Owen as of July 31 after 10.5 years of service;

- Approved hiring Stacy Lucas and Dena Gyulveszi as teachers at Rawsonville Elementary as of Aug. 27; and Lauren Halapi as a teacher at Belleville High School, as of Aug. 27;

- Learned 101 people applied for the position of Owen principal and 89 of those were considered. Parents and teachers

have been involved in the screening of the applicants. There was phone screening on 28 plus internal candidates. Fourteen, including four internal candidates, will be considered in the first round of interviews on Aug. 1. The second round will be Aug. 2;

- Heard a report on how the transition to the new district insurance program is going and that Human Resource Director Abdul Madyun is able to help people with questions and solve problems as they arise;

- Heard board member Simone Pinter say she was at a local event when a parent said he was disappointed BHS didn’t have kids in the building trades. She told him they do. The BHS students interested in the building trades are taken to Westland where there is a program. She said people don’t know about this. Featheringill said, “We need to do a better job of letting people know”; and

- Went into closed session at the end of the meeting to consider a request by a guardian to reinstate student 18-19-020 for the upcoming school year. The student had been expelled during the 2018-19 school year. The board went back into public session and voted to reinstate the student with conditions.

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

Van Buren Charter Township Board of Trustees

Budget Preparation Meetings

August 5, 2019
1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

August 6, 2019
8:25 a.m.-Noon & 1:05 p.m-5:00 p.m.

Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111

Board of Trustees Room

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Sumpter Twp.

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the township would get a conditional audit" which would reduce the bond rating;

- Heard Luke say the township was in contact with the county's Emergency Management on July 17 and got on a list as a cooling center and he put it on Nixle and the police department website. The heat advisory was through that Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless someone needed additional hours. Only one person called for information and nobody came in to be

cooled, he said. "We could have put it on the township channel," Luke conceded. He said they had a warming center last winter for four days and nobody came to that, either;

- Heard Sam Cumberledge say the township's channel 12 isn't worth turning on since the video goes black every five seconds. He said he did the video for the township for 12 years with a \$300 camcorder and a \$50 camera. He said Trustee Oddy didn't want to talk to him. Trustee Don LaPorte listened, but the only one who listened with a full heart was former Trustee Sheena Barnes. He said

the township spent \$63,000 on something that doesn't work. "I resigned here four years ago. John (Morgan) and I locked horns. He took me off the TV station and I resigned... I did work for Esther [Hurst] and John and even got John a spare TV to watch while I fixed his." He said he was paid \$75 per event and showed over 600 videos. He offered to look at the present equipment to see if he could do something with it. Trustee Oddy said the problem was with Comcast, not the township system;

- Heard Mary Ban say she read the letter in the *Independent* that said the new library in Belleville looks like a prison because of the dark brick color. "It's a shame," she said. "I thought it was going to be red... It's not becoming for a new building." She said she sure hopes they don't paint the library building in Sumpter charcoal. She

also commented on the high vegetation at intersections and the poor condition of the Sumpter Road surface between Hull and Bemis; and

- Heard Ronald Barrington Robinson say he called the state and a person from the Michigan Department of Agriculture said Sumpter was using Roundup to spray around the fire hydrants. He said the representative told him they sent investigators out here and told the township not to use it or to get training. "I hope those spraying don't get cancer," he said, suggesting they hire kids with weed whips to tackle the tall plants hiding the fire hydrants instead of spraying them. Oddy said Kunka checked it out with the state, but Robinson said that wasn't true and in the past two township officials lied to the public about it.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO BE HELD AT 1:00 P.M.

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019

For the purpose of:

To consider approval of:

Work Study Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2019.

Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2019.

Prepaid List of July 18, 2019

Prepaid List of July 25, 2019

Prepaid List of August 1, 2019

Voucher List of August 6, 2019

To consider approval of the Communications
Specialist Job Description.

To consider approval of the selection of Penchura,
Russell Design and VanAssche Construction Inc. for
the French Landing Park improvements not to
exceed \$120,000.

To consider approval to distribute the future land
use map amendment for the Scott Jones property
located at 41620 E. Huron River Dr. to our adjacent
communities for the required 42-day review and
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Charter Township of Van Buren

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Augusta Twp. sets free Car Show/Swap Meet to build up community

Augusta Township will hold its third Car Show and Swap Meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25, at Lincoln Consolidated High School, 7425 Willis Rd., one-half mile west of Whittaker Road.

Dan Woolf, 2019 Car Show Chairman, invites everyone's participation and promotions of everyone's businesses.

"Our mission is to build up our community and promote the local services in our area," Woolf said. "To encourage a larger attendance, we will not be charging any fees to show cars, booths, or displays."

Woolf said the 2017 show had 110 cars and motorcycles, some tractors, Sheriff and fire truck displays and other events, with well over 300 attending. In 2018, there still was good participation, including the local senior group and township officials.

"We hope to increase attendance this year by encouraging our local farmers to come with fresh produce and are inviting our local government agencies to be a part of this event," he said.

"To promote our local businesses there is no charge to set up booths and displays or to include you on our display board," Woolf said. "Goodie Bags will be given to the first 100 cars and we encourage your coupons, flyers, cards and promotional products to be included by Aug. 16. Donated promotional gifts are solicited for people's choice awards given to the best of the show."

Call Woolf at (734) 604-7536 for pick up or ship to Augusta Township offices.

"Contact us for advance registration, but if not, we still would love to have your support," Woolf said.

Any donations can be made to Augusta Charter Township, 8021 Talladay Rd., P.O. Box 100, Whittaker, MI 48190-0100, phone (734) 461-6117 and fax (734) 256-1984.

For more information, Woolf can be contacted by phone at (734) 604-7536 or email at mhlight@aol.com or Township Supervisor Brian Shelby, (734) 461-6117 or (734) 218-5173 or supervisor@augustatownship.org.

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

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Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals for:
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Until **2:00 p.m. EST on August 6, 2019**, for the district Security Services for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

The bidding documents consist of the RFP prepared by Van Buren Public Schools which includes a mandatory Bid Form and Survey to Qualify Contract Security Service Bidders. The documents can be obtained by following the link below to the school district website.

<http://www.vanburenschools.net/o/district/browse/12780>

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VBT DDA learns interim leader of Aerotropolis leaving for another job

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Marco Salomone, the interim director of Aerotropolis, has submitted his resignation and will be starting a new job. His last day with Aerotropolis is Aug. 2.

Salomone was appointed to the position when Rob Luce resigned as of Dec. 27.

This was the announcement by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Susan Ireland at its July 23 meeting.

Director Ireland said she attended a meeting on July 11 where this was announced. Van Buren Township has been a member of Aerotropolis since its beginning and the DDA pays the \$25,000 annual dues.

Ireland said Salomone has been working on a job description and transition plan. Wayne County has volunteered to post the position and be the recipient of the resumes/application and they will assist in narrowing the field down to about five people for the Aerotropolis board to interview.

Ireland said it was noted that this process needs to be sensitive to both counties and the participating communities in that this position will be posted and filled as an Aerotropolis employee and that Aerotropolis is a stand-alone corporation.

She said Aerotropolis planned to have a special meeting on July 29.

In other business at the 33-minute meeting on July 23, the DDA:

- Heard Ireland report that the contractor for the pedestrian path over I-94 is under contract to water the landscape through 2020. She said on July 16, Davis Construction was doing some culvert repair which was affecting some of the drainage. Also, MDOT sent the list of requirements

to get a couple of trash receptacles placed along the path and it is a lengthy process;

- Heard Ireland report the pathways have been poured, garage doors installed and the pergola is under construction at the Belleville Road Placemaking project. Masonry is almost complete, except around the pillars at the front door and monument sign. The outside walls have been prepped to begin the siding installation, display case is being constructed, baseboards have been put in place and the window trim is being installed. The accent wall in the conference room has been done and the beam work is under way. The batten board is about three-fourths done and furniture and some technology has been ordered;

- Heard Ireland report the order for street light replacement parts for the Belleville Road Streetscape has been submitted. She said the DDA had to basically order all new parts because modifications have been made since it first ordered the streetlights a number of years ago. She has ordered five sets. Poles can take up to five weeks to arrive and the remainder of the parts can take up to eight weeks. She also said trees on Belleville Road have been trimmed and dead or infected trees in the Streetscape have been removed or taken care of; and

- Learned Ireland had three complaints about the Belleville/Ecorse intersection. The contractor has acknowledged the need for a second application of fertilizer. It is believed there is a pinch in the water line in the area where the gas main is located on Ecorse because the sprinkler runs, but the flow is reduced. The Water Department has temporarily lengthened the running time of each watering zone at Ecorse Road while the temperatures continue to climb, she said.



City of Belleville Public Notice



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Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

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The City of Belleville is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Laborer II in our Department of Public Works. Qualifications include a high school diploma, GED equivalent or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Applicant must possess a working knowledge of basic arithmetic including the ability to perform and record arithmetic computations accurately and quickly; ability to accurately read and record data from various type of meter dials; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to work in inclement weather; ability to establish successful working relationships with co-workers, supervisors and the public; skill in operating hand tools, calculator, motor vehicles and backhoe. Qualified applicant must possess a current and valid CDL. Physical demands include the ability to sit, stand, walk, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch and crawl, talk, hear and see; and to routinely use hands to operate objects, tools and controls; position routinely lifts and/or moves up to 50 pounds and occasionally lifts and/or moves more than 100 pounds. While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works inside and outside including frequent exposure to hot, cold, wet and/or humid conditions.

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Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Position Title: Director of Planning and Economic Development

Department: Public Services

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.

Salary: \$63k to \$73k based on experience and qualifications

Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid

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Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution

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General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting applications for the Director of Planning and Economic Development

Position Summary

This is administrative division head directing the activities of the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development Division. As Director, the employee is responsible for overall direction and management of the division and performs professional and administrative work in planning, reviewing, organizing and coordinating development activities. This position also oversees building code enforcement and staff in coordination with the Public Services Director, the Township Engineer, Township Supervisor and other department heads and consultants. Additionally, the Director oversees contract and Township employees responsible for planning and development related operations to protect the health and safety of the public. Significant emphasis is placed on maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of operations. Although general direction is received from the Public Services Director, the duties and responsibilities require considerable independent judgment and initiative. Interacts in a consistently pleasant and helpful manner with fellow employees, visitors and residents of the Charter Township of Van Buren, and demonstrates the highest standards of internal and external customer service.

- Oversees the administrative functions of the Planning & Economic Development Division including; personnel, budgeting, financial, and general administration.
- Oversees all planning and zoning functions of the Township.
- Oversees the Township's building department.
- Jointly oversees the Township's condemnation and demolition activities.
- Acts as Zoning Administrator for the Township and is responsible for the administration and enforcement of applicable local ordinances and State laws.
- Provides staff support for the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Local Development Finance Authority, Township Board of Trustees, and attends other meetings as may be required.
- Receives and processes variance requests, land division requests (in coordination with Assessing Dept.), and development plans; prepares case files and is responsible for publication notices and notifying property owners, as necessary; makes recommendations to Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Local Development Finance Authority and Township Board based on professional planning principles and the comments of other reviewing agencies.
- Acts as coordinator of the site plan review and building plan review processes which involve external agencies, departments, and consultants.
- May conduct site plan reviews, variance reviews, or any other necessary reviews of planning/zoning applications.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Aug. 1** -- Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m., The Paxton Spangler Band featuring T-Bone Paxton, jazz.

• **Thursday, Aug. 1** – Bunco at 6 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township.

• **Friday, Aug. 2** – Battle of Belleville with World War II reenactors coming from Willow Run Airport's Air Show. They will arrive around 6 p.m. and leave at 7:30 p.m. There will be a battle around the museum on Main Street and then the WWII vehicles will be set up for visits from the crowd.

• **Saturday, Aug. 3, and Sunday, Aug. 4** – Thunder Over Michigan Air Show, Willow Run Airport, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Saturday, Aug. 3** – Van Buren Township Shred Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall parking lot, 46425 Tyler Rd. VBT has teamed up with Iron Mountain. Please limit to five cartons or medium sized bags of documents per vehicle. Questions? Call the Clerk's office at (734) 699-8909.

• **Saturday, Aug. 3** – Used book sale at the Belleville Area District Library from noon to 3 p.m. in the library program room. Members of the Friends of the Library will be admitted at 11 a.m. and there are membership applications available. Prices have been slashed.

• **Saturday, Aug. 3 through Sunday morning, Aug. 4** – Romulus Relay for Life to earn funds for the American Cancer Society, behind the senior center. Starts at 10 a.m. Saturday and runs through 9 a.m. Sunday. Free.

• **Sunday, Aug. 4** – September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., offers free Sunday music from 2 to 5 p.m. This week it's Albert Muniz. For information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, Aug. 4** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of "Taps" is always a part of the ceremony.

• **Monday, Aug. 5** – Belleville Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Also, Cruise Main Street Classic Car Show, 6-9 p.m. on Main Street in Belleville, sponsored by Egan's Pub.

• **Tuesday, Aug. 6** – Wayne County Fair carnival opens. Runs through Saturday.

• **Wednesday, Aug. 7** – Wayne County Fair, Night of Destruction, 7:30 p.m. Fair runs through Saturday.

• **Thursday, Aug. 8** -- Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m., Tequila Mockingbirds, Classic Rock.

• **Thursday, Aug. 8** – Wayne County Fair, DownRiver Dan and Kelsie May, 6:30-10 p.m. Fair runs through Saturday.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 416 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 21:

0305 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0646 – noise complaint, Birch Dr./Maple Dr.
0949 – neighbor trouble, Lighthouse
1204 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1307 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Blvd.
1312 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
1315 – domestic, Jackson St.
1512 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1611 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1916 – disorderly, Oak Blvd.
1929 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2017 – noise complaint, Bak Rd.
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dartmoor Cir.

Monday, July 22:

0113 – threat, Denton Rd.
0313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0656 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0718 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tompkins St.
0721 – domestic, Bog Rd.
0827 – larceny, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
0832 – trespassing, Village Center Dr.
1027 – mental subject, Filmore St./Buchanan St.
1031 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr.
1114 – threat, Buchanan St.
1121 – found property/child, Barnwell Dr.
1331 – ordinance violation, Wildbrook Dr.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1537 – private property impound, Independence Ln.
1642 – 911 welfare check, W. Walden Dr.
1835 – animal complaint, Pond Bluff Dr.
1839 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1850 – neighbor trouble, Robson Rd.
1940 – animal complaint, Pond Ridge Dr./Savage
1940 – family trouble, Haggerty Rd.
2001 – malicious destruction of property, Barnwell
2043 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2056 – abandoned auto, Van Born
2113 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.

Tuesday, July 23:

0239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
0248 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
0653 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
0718 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0820 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
0945 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.
1107 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1155 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1353 – assault & battery, Robson Rd.
1639 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1718 – assault & battery, Belleville
1741 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1757 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1810 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1906 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
1935 – miscellaneous complaint, Bayshore Dr.
1938 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2054 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

2115 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2144 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2393 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Ln.

Wednesday, July 24:

0143 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0400 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
0438 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.
0448 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0525 – fight, Oak Ln.
0735 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.
0829 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
0844 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0844 – ordinance violation, Scenic Dr./W. Walden
0902 – traffic offense, Elwell Rd.
1047 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1121 – trespassing, Sheldon Rd.
1302 – ordinance violation, Coolidge/Barkley

1327 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1348 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
1518 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1550 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
1651 – fraud, Laguna Dr.
1709 – follow up by officer, Savage Rd.
1846 – mental subject, Mida Dr.
2156 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2212 – noise complaint, Andover Dr.

Thursday, July 25:

0006 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Ridge Dr.
0034 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0228 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0653 – follow up by officer, St. Joe's
0714 – domestic, Brandi Dr.
0756 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1107 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1112 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1134 – private property impound, Tyler Rd./Sage

Cir.

1136 – miscellaneous complaint, Stonebridge Dr.
1255 – fraud, Marina Dr.
1320 – property damage accident, Belleville/Taco

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1405 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1444 – property damage accident, Freedom Way
1458 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
1510 – assist other dept., Hamlin St.
1518 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1653 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1925 – fraud, Stoneybrook Ct.
2108 – noise complaint, Fret/power lines
2109 – fight, Jackson St./Tyler Rd.
2136 – disorderly, Bayshore Dr.
2222 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2244 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.
2327 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2354 – harassment call, Ecorse/Haggerty

Friday, July 26:

0017 – domestic, Parkwood
0021 – threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0243 – animal complaint, E. Walden Dr.
0402 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkside Dr.
0755 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0931 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
1341 – assist other dept., Chandler
1418 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1449 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/I-94
1508 – fraud, Endicott Ave.
1535 – hospice death, Winchester St.
1558 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1610 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd./S.

I-94 Service Dr.

1643 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1656 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

N. I-94 Service Dr.

1819 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1821 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1930 – larceny from auto, Maple Dr.
2118 – assist other dept., Locust Dr.
2126 – assist other dept., Locust Dr.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2233 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2304 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty

Saturday, July 27:

0046 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0055 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0057 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0143 – property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr
0147 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0851 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.
0946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Laguna Dr.
1100 – domestic, Bemis Rd.
1417 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.

1450 – shooting, W. Huron River Dr.
1517 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1538 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1616 – family trouble, Country Walk Blvd.
1620 – neighbor trouble, Ecorse Rd.
1644 – shooting, W. Huron River Dr.
1751 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1821 – 911 welfare check, Arthur St.
1833 – threat, Elwell Rd.
1914 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.
1941 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tompkins St.
2102 – animal complaint, Coolidge St.

2105 – operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr.

2315 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.

2341 – noise complaint, Morton Taylor/Tyler

2347 – shooting, Morton Taylor Rd.

Also on this week's log are 114 traffic stops, 34 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 21:

0041 – assist other dept., 146 High St.
0055 – larceny, 25 Main St.
0340 – intrusion alarm, 300 South St.
1243 – suspicious person/vehicle, 230 Henry St.
1640 – neighbor trouble, 548 N. Liberty St.
1932 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tuscan Manor
2248 – welfare check, 206 Belle Villa Blvd.
2321 – assist fire dept., 545 High St.

Monday, July 22:

1221 – welfare check, 39 Loza Ln.
2054 – parking complaint, 95 Potter Dr.
2150 – suspicious person/vehicle, 25 Main St.

Tuesday, July 23:

0032 – assist fire dept., 12 Menlo Park Dr.
1650 – welfare check, 12 Menlo Park Dr.

Wednesday, July 24:

0549 – suspicious person/vehicle, 103 Menlo Park Dr.
0830 – traffic offense, Main/High
1207 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/I-94
1838 – larceny, 545 High St.
1957 – follow up by officer, 238 Anaheim
2025 – assist fire dept., 332 Oxford Ct.
2244 – suspicious person/vehicle, 871 Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, July 25:

0013 – assist citizen, 55 Loza Ln.
0101 – juvenile complaint, 705 Estrada Dr.
1011 – threat, 201 Belle Villa Blvd.
1506 – warrant arrest, Wash. Co. Jail
1541 – miscellaneous complaint, 98 Menlo Park Dr.
1800 – intrusion alarm, 525 E. Huron River Dr.
1834 – welfare check, 12 Menlo Park Dr.
1839 – suspicious person/vehicle, 220 High St.
2338 – noise complaint, 150 Carmell St.

Friday, July 26:

0528 – assist fire dept., 501 W. Columbia Ave.
0718 – welfare check, 12 Menlo Park Dr.
0923 – found property/child, 131 Carmell St.
1847 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Five Points
1917 – suspicious person/vehicle, 180 Clarence St.
2048 – parking complaint, 801 Denton Rd.
2056 – animal complaint, 6 Main St.
2341 – noise complaint, 89 Menlo Park Dr.

Saturday, July 27:

0036 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1121 – warrant arrest, 383 Church St.
1248 – warrant arrest, Industrial Park Dr. / Sumpter Rd.
1537 – breaking & entering, 6 Menlo Park Dr.
2139 – noise complaint, 479 E. Waterbury Ct.
2254 – suspicious person/vehicle, 67 Main St.
2351 – warrant arrest, 6 Main

Also on this week's log are 28 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 21:

0102 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Harris
0419 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0938 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1052 – civil dispute, Country Club Blvd.
1104 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1204 – assist other agency, out of township
1252 – subpoena service, out of township
1410 – warrant arrest pick up, Judd/Elwell
1636 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Willow
1942 – reckless driver, Rustic Ln.
2056 – ORV complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

Monday, July 22:

0055 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0345 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0441 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1023 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1326 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

1413 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1515 – alarm, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1517 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1519 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1532 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
1555 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1621 – larceny, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1651 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1813 – ORV complaint, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1832 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Carleton West

Rd.

2140 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martha Ln.

2219 – assault, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.

2254 – shots fired, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter

Tuesday, July 23:

0017 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0112 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
0822 – fraud complaint, Carriage Ln.
0826 – suspicious person, Wear/Karr
0958 – breaking & entering report, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

1114 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.

1318 – fire dept. assist, 8400 bl. Oakville Waltz

1509 – mental health commitment, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1548 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township

1828 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1902 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1913 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1916 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1932 – threats complaint, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2041 – disorderly person, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

2042 – property damage accident, Rawsonville /

Bemis

2105 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.

2147 – disorderly person, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, July 24:

0722 – abandoned vehicle, Bemis/Lohr
0741 – harassment complaint, Carriage Ln.
1120 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1552 – identity theft, Creekside Dr.
1559 – breaking & entering report, Knollwood Dr.
1630 – larceny, Virginia
1830 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Martinsville
2026 – ORV complaint, Kozma/Wilmot
2044 – suspicious incident, 7300 bl. Oakville Waltz

Thursday, July 25:

0127 – harassment complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0713 – larceny, Edgewood Dr.
0759 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1128 – property damage accident, Judd/Wilmot
1259 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1546 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1638 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1824 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

Friday, July 26:

0650 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1112 – traffic hazard, Willis/Sumpter
1207 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1512 – civil dispute, California
1739 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1810 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1820 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2206 – violation of park rules, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2257 – minor in possession violation, Rawsonville

/ Bemis

2315 – noise complaint, California

Saturday, July 27:

0124 – citizen assist, Willis/California
0145 – personal injury accident, Bemis/Lohr
1130 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1207 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1214 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1241 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1408 – suspicious incident, Judd/Martinsville
1442 – reckless driver, Country Club Blvd.
1619 – warrant arrest pick up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2326 – noise complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

Also on this week's log are seven follow-up investigations, 11 miscellaneous details, 57 patrol checks, and 33 traffic stops.

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Express Tire and Automotive Repair on Belleville Road is offering back-to-school savings during the month of August on services such as oil changes for \$29.95, A/C inspections for \$9.95, and \$50 off on brake service with their ad coupons in today's paper. To make an appointment, call Marty or Dan at (734) 697-2424. They're open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local shuttle service is also available.

Thunder Over Michigan Air Show is this

weekend at Willow Run Airport and tickets at the gate are \$45 for adults and free for children 15 and under. Parking is \$20. The airshow line features the largest gathering in the world of Corsairs, Aerobatic Pilots Michael Goulian and Screamin' Sasquatch John Klatt, and an F-16 Demo. For a list of static displays visit their website at www.ankeearmuseum.org and follow the links. The Blue Angels are scheduled to return to Willow Run next year. Call (734) 483-4030. The annual Battle for Belleville will take place tomorrow, Friday evening, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Main Street and the Belleville Area Museum. Military vehicles and battle re-enactors will be present for the community to enjoy.

The Music Lakeside Concert Series continues Thursday, Aug. 1, with the Paxton

Spangler Band featuring T-Bone Paxton at Horizon Park. Next week, the Tequila Mockingbirds will take stage. In case of rain the concert will move across the street inside Belleville First United Methodist Church. Visit www.bacaart.org and www.musiclakeside.com.

Budd's Produce is now open for the season on the N. I-94 Service Drive, east of Belleville Road. The Budd family has been growing locally for more than 150 years. They're open Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Call (734) 697-9465. Corn is ready and there's a lot of other seasonal vegetables, too.

The 75th-annual Wayne County Fair starts next Monday, Aug. 5, and runs

through Saturday, Aug. 10, at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road, north of I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. Daily activities include crafters, vendors, animal exhibits and shows, and the most carnival amusement rides the fair has ever assembled (Tuesday-Saturday). Track events include a mini horse pull on Tuesday; Night of Destruction-demo derby, burn out and quad drag on Wednesday; Downriver Dan and Kelsie May concerts Thursday evening; Wayne County's Got Talent Show at 6 p.m. on Friday; and a mud bog on Saturday, also at 6 p.m. The fair's annual classic car show is Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit their website at www.waynecounty-fairgrounds.net and call (734) 697-7002.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

Aafrika Poole files as write-in candidate for city council election

Aafrika Poole, 235 Main St., Belleville, has filed as a write-in candidate for the Belleville City Council election on Nov. 5.

Belleville City Clerk Sherri Scharf said when she examined the petition turned in by Poole just before deadline on Aug. 23, she found that most of the signatures were from those who live in Van Buren Township.

Clerk Scharf said when she informed Poole that her petition could not be accepted and she would not be on the ballot, Poole decided to run as a write-in candidate.

Four valid petitions were filed for the three seats open on the Belleville City Council as of the deadline.

The four-year terms of Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilmen Jack Loria and Tom Smith expire in December 2019. Smith is not running for reelection.

Filing the only petition for mayor was incumbent Kerreen Conley, 629 Light Tower Dr.

Filing petitions for the two open council seats were: incumbent Jack Loria, 118 S. Edgemont St.; Kelly Bates, 342 Victorian Ln.; Ken Voigt, 78 W. Wabash St.; and Poole, whose petition could not be accepted.



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The Township is in the process of updating its community-wide Master Plan. This plan establishes a vision and guides decision-making processes for the future use of land, transportation, and commercial corridors within our Township.

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